

**Rockport Conservation Commission
Earth Day 2020 Subcommittee Minutes**

September 18, 2020

Location: Remotely on Zoom Video Conference

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Rockport Conservation Commission was conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting were provided on the town's website. No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort was made to ensure that the public had adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. A recording of the proceedings was made on the town's website after the meeting.

Present Remotely:

Present: Geralyn Falco/ Conservation Agent, Sarah Damassa, Sharon Kishida, William Waller, Eva Korpi, (Tom Mikus). The Rockport Conservation Commission Earth Day 2020 Subcommittee (Committee) is currently a six-member volunteer committee. Five voting members are present.

Absent: Sarah Tetrault

Minutes (reviewed & approved)

08/21/20: Ms. Damassa moved to approve the Minutes as written; Ms. Kishida seconded. Vote was via unanimous roll call: Ms. Damassa, Ms. Falco, Ms. Kishida, Mr. Waller and Ms. Korpi. Following documents were submitted & reviewed by RCC: "DRAFT Minutes of 08/21/20".

Updates:

Earth 2020 Science Symposium (Mr. Waller)

Monthly topics were discussed as follows:

SEPTEMBER: Cape Ann Climate Coalition presentation was successful and Tom Mikus will send recording to post on Earth Day 2020 website; Mr. Waller will recommend Rockport High School join Climate Coalition. Millbrook Meadow Tours (September 19 & 20, 2020); Mr. Waller sent announcement to Channel 1623.

OCTOBER: Ms. Damassa to make presentation on recent hurricanes related to global warming on October 22, 2020 at 4 pm; Mr. Waller will host webinar. Eric Hutchins is not available in October or November for his presentation (Sea level rise, Eel project and fish migration); also has presentation limitations; suggested that he present under NOAA-approved platform and send Subcommittee the link (we can promote it).

NOVEMBER: Waste reduction for the Holidays by Ms. Kishida; to make this meeting webinar to post for all to see (hosted by Mr. Waller); drafted list of gifts/sources and more will be sent to Ms. Falco.

DECEMBER: Wrapping it up! Send list of wrapping ideas to newspaper/post flyers around town/post on website.

Waste Reduction GIANT Graph (Ms. Damassa & Ms. Kishida)

Ms. Damassa showed 3 posters to be put up at Transfer Station; another place was discussed to hang 2nd set of posters; Ms. Damassa will check with DPW. Great job!

CoastSweep 2020 Clean-ups: Ms. Falco announced beach clean-ups this year for CoastSweep to be individual/family-centric in September, October & November; registration is required (on RCC website); trash to be brought directly to Transfer Station (no DPW pickup); documenting what is picked up via phone app; TAKE PHOTOS of your event; all instructions are on Rockport Conservation Commission website (www.rockportma.gov/conservation-commission).

Bikeways with maps. Ms. Korpi told of Zoom presentation by Department of Health with main theme of education (for both drivers and bicyclists); is planning a “Micro Mobility” program to include other forms of individual transportation (scooters, skateboards, unicycles, etc.); should include local police in discussion.

Next meeting: October 23, 2020 via Zoom @ 1 pm

Ms. Damassa moved to adjourn meeting; Ms. Falco seconded.

Vote via unanimous roll call Ms. Damassa, Ms. Falco, Ms. Kishida, Mr. Waller and Ms. Korpi

1:45 pm.

RCC-Earth 2020 ► Meeting adjourned 1:45 PM ◄ RCC-Earth 2020